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TO ALL NATO CAPITALS

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SUBJECT: CCMS: PROCEDURES

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATED REFTTEL WHICH REPORTED PROPOSAL OF FRENCH HEALTH OFFICIALS TO MAKE NATO SECRETARIAT THE NORMAL CHANNEL FOR ALL COMMUNICATIONS ON CCMS HEALTH CARE PROJECTS AND EMBASSY SUGGESTION THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER CHANNELING THROUGH NATO BRUSSELS FUTURE US-ORIGIN CCMS MESSAGES. WHILE VIEWS OF OTHER POSTS, AND ESPECIALLY US MISSION NATO, ARE WELCOMED, TWO CONSIDERATIONS IMMEDIATELY OCCUR TO DEPARTMENT WHICH ARGUE AGAINST TRANSFERRING MAIN CHANNEL FOR US-ORIGIN CCMS MESSAGES FROM DIRECT DEPARTMENT-ALLIED CAPITALS ROUTE TO DEPARTMENT-NATO HEADQUARTERS-ALLIED CAPITALS ROUTE. IN BRIEF, THIS TRANSFER WOULD (1) VIOLATE BASIC TENET OF CCMS TO AVOID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RED TAPE AND INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT-ORIENTED OPERA-

TION BY LINKING NATIONAL PROGRAMS AS DIRECTLY AS POSSIBLE THROUGH EASY AND INFORMAL EXPERT-TO-EXPERT CONTACT, AND (2) FAIL TO PROVIDE CCMS WITH ADEQUATE SUPPORT THROUGH DIRECT ACCESS TO NATIONAL EXPERTS AS DOES PRESENT CHANNEL. OVERBURDENED RESOURCES AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, AND IN PARTICULAR OF SMALLER ALLIED DELEGATIONS, COULD NOT BE EXPECTED

TO HANDLE THE WORK LOAD.

2. US-ORIGIN CCMS COMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL USE THE CHANNEL OF DEPARTMENT-AMERICAN EMBASSIES; ALWAYS INFORMING US MISSION NATO AS WELL, TO ENSURE QUICK AND CERTAIN COMMUNICATION ON PROJECTS FOR WHOSE SUCCESS THE US, AS PILOT COUNTRY, IS RESPONSIBLE. THIS HAS PROVEN TO BE ONE OF CHIEF ASSETS OF CCMS METHOD OF OPERATION; SIMPLE, FAST, WITH MINIMUM OF RED TAPE. HOWEVER, AS REFTTEL POINTS OUT, EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT OFFICES SOMETIMES OBJECT THAT PROPER BUREAUCRATIC CHANNELS NOT FOLLOWED BY CCMS MESSAGES. DEPARTMENT WILL AGAIN STRESS TO US PILOT AGENCIES NECESSITY OF KEEPING DEPARTMENT AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES INFORMED OF ALL MESSAGES BETWEEN EXPERTS AND TO USE DEPARTMENT-EMBASSY CHANNEL FOR ALL IMPORTANT MESSAGES.

3. IN ADDITION, INVOLVEMENT OF NON-NATO COUNTRIES IN THE SUBSTANCE OF PROJECTS ORIGINATING IN CCMS ALSO ARGUES IN FAVOR OF CONTINUED USE OF NATIONAL CAPITAL CHANNEL.

4. FOR PARIS: EMBASSY MAY WISH TO ESTABLISH WORKING PROCEDURE WITH FONOFF FOR DISSEMINATING CCMS MESSAGES. IF POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD AT LEAST MAINTAIN PRACTICE OF DROPPING INFO COPIES OF ACTION REQUESTS TO ADDRESSEES WHEN ACTION COPY GOES TO FONOFF OR OTHER GOVERNMENT CHANNEL.

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